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HARLAN LOG HOUSE

Celebration 300 Harlans will remember fondly our visiting the old Log House, the second home of #3 George and his son #13 Joshua and grandson #62 Joseph. The place remained in the Harlan family many years. In the picture opposite you will recognize Rebecca and Alex who five years ago were our darling and most gracious hosts, meeting each bus load of passengers with friendliness and courtesy and serving the refreshing lemonade on the porch.

The picture shows the oldest section of the house on the left and the middle section which was added in 1835. The newest and third section is not visible. The McCausland's also own another Harlan house, an old stone house that belonged to #38 Mary. This house is being renovated for a Bed and Breakfast which the McCausland's will operate.



Standing in front of the Harlan log house are current owners. From left: Rebecca, Julie, Alex, Laird, Mrs. Beverly McCausland and Dr. Drew McCausland.

SEND US YOUR STORIES

We are dependent on you to keep the Harlan Record interesting to read. Please send stories of current or former Harlan's. Don't think that no one is interested; we

are. Good clear pictures are also appreciated. Please indicate if you need them returned. Mail to Harlan Celebration 300, P.O. Box 667, Belfair, WA 98528

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FOR SALE

History and Genealogy of the HARLAN FAMILY, Alpheus H. Harlan, Tricentennial Reprint Edition, 1987. Send \$50 to Peggy Harlan Talley, 104 Fern Drive, Poteau, OK 74853.

HARLAN TRICENTENNIAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 1992

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT 11/1/91	\$6,459.52
INCOME:	
Contributions	95.00
Genealogy Book Sales	2,650.00
Interest Earned (Savings Account)	275.10
Total	\$3,020.10
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Newsletter Printing & Mailing	1,047.65
Postage	242.44
Advertising	25.00
Total	\$1,315.09
CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT 12/31/92	\$8,164.53

OLD PICTURES AVAILABLE

Jack Harlan, 4899 Edgewood Drive, Richmond, IN 47374 has a number of old pictures that he will share with the descendants of those pictured. Pictures include Jonathan Harlan #4904, his wife Elnora, sons Lyman and George (see page 860 of the Harlan Genealogy). He also has pictures of Lyman and Audie and child Jonathan; and Milton and Flora and child Edwin. In a group picture are 2 women identified as Hazel and Frances Harlan. Write to Jack if you can claim these Harlan's as your ancestors.

J.G. HARLAN, SR. J.G. HARLAN, JR.

A memorial service for John Graydon Harlan, Sr., 100 years old, was held February 22, 1992. Mr. Harlan as a young man was the District Attorney of El Paso, Texas. He was an attorney with the U.S. Treasury Department under the Roosevelt Administration where he co-authored the "Gold Clause" which removed the United States from the gold standard during the depression in 1933. He arranged the financing for the largest sculpture in the world carved on Mount Rushmore.

Mr. Harlan was in private practice for many years in Washington, D.C. and was the American attorney for companies in Monterey, Mexico.

John G. Harlan, Jr. predeceased his father in 1990. He had more than 32 years continuous service with the U.S. government and retired as commissioner of the General Services Administration in 1969. He served as a member of a task force appointed by the White House to set up the Marshall Plan organization and also served as an executive officer of the U.S. Aid Mission to Austria. He was a recipient of the Foreign Operations Administration Meritorious service award and the Meritorious and Distinguished service awards of GSA.

HARLINSDALE

The parade of champion stallions has bowed to younger successors, and the management of the farm has passed to the third generation of the W. W. Harlin family, but otherwise, very little has changed at Harlinsdale Farm since it was established in 1935. Its reputation, built on integrity and a quality product, has stood the test of time. The spacious, high raftered barn designed by Harlin Hayes and built in 1940, has been a landmark in the Franklin, Tennessee community; one that is not likely to disappear as long as there are Harlin sons dedicated to carrying on the Tennessee Walking Horse breeding operation begun by William Wirt Harlin, Sr.

"Mr. Wirt" as the gentleman was known was born in Gamaliel, Kentucky. His father was a breeder of Saddle Horses. Mr. Wirt moved to Tennessee in 1908 and in 1922, married Luella Leek of Nashville. They raised four sons. W.W. Jr. "Bill" of Nashville, is the eldest son and the one who takes the most active part in the operation of Harlinsdale. Tom, lives in Franklin and visits the farm regularly. Alex lived in Nashville until his death in 1981. Bob lives in Atlanta, Georgia and is the son that Mr. Wirt

claimed was his best showman back when all four boys were showing gaited ponies.

Mr. Wirt bought the Franklin property, the first sections of what was to become Harlinsdale, in 1932 and moved his family there from Nashville the following year. Since the establishment of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's Association in 1935, the emphasis at Harlinsdale has been on producing the finest Tennessee Walking foals.

In 1937 Mr. Wirt persuaded his nephew, Harlin Hayes to move to Franklin and take over management of Harlinsdale, which he did until his death in 1980. Mr. Hayes was well respected for his knowledge of horses and pedigrees. He assembled a number of mares to begin what was to become the most enviable group of Tennessee Walking broodmares anywhere.

In 1944 Harlinsdale acquired *Midnight Sun* a giant stallion, the first World Grand Champion that Harlinsdale stood at stud. *Midnight Sun* made Walking Horse history siring more than 2,000 foals, including seven World Grand Champions. But he wasn't the best. Mr. Wirt believed *Pride*

of *Midnight H.F.* was the best stallion ever to be in the Harlinsdale barn. "Pride of *Midnight H.F.* is the best horse to ever be in this barn - including his great old daddy, *Midnight Sun*."

All of the Harlins have first hand knowledge of the farm's operation as every son in all three generations has worked there summers and afternoons after school. W.W. "Bill" Harlin Jr. is now the general manager of Harlinsdale Farms. Partners in the farm include his brother Tom Harlin and nephew Jim Hayes. Rocky Jones is manager and was the right-hand man and successor of the late Harlin Hayes. Bill and his son Clay who managed Harlinsdale for a number of years after Hayes death, both serve on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association.

Both W.W. Harlin, Sr. and his nephew Harlin Hayes were descended from #189 George, through Samuel, #688, Alexander #2320 and, Clay #5894.

Information for this article was taken from VOICE, of the Tennessee Walking Horse, November 1985, provided by Frank Corum of Hanson, Kentucky.

AARON HARLAN

by
Cynthia Keefer

September 8, 1802 Esther (Eulass) and George Harlan became the parents of their fourth child, Aaron. They resided on a farm just two and one-half miles northeast from the village of Ridgeville in Warren County, Ohio. Esther and George had ten children that all grew to adulthood, quite a feat in that day.

Following in his father's footsteps Aaron entered the world of jurisprudence by becoming a lawyer. At age 28 Aaron married Clarissa Higbee Whiteman at Clifton, Green County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Catharine Davis Whiteman, both natives of Virginia.

They had Benjamin, b. 1831, Maria W. b. 1834, Julia, b. 1836 and Eliza, b. July 5, 1839. Eliza died the day of her birth and her mother two days later. Aaron buried his wife near Clifton.

Aaron was elected Ohio State senator the year preceding his wife's death and served until 1840.

In 1840 Aaron married for the second time a widow lady

of Yellow Springs, Green County, Ohio. Amanda Stroufe Baum, eighteen years his junior was the daughter of George and Rebecca Duss Stroufe. Amanda was the widow of David Baum. His father, Martin Baum, had received 2,000 acres through a land grant. When Martin died the land was inherited by his son David. Upon David's death, the Baum family contested his wife's right to inherit the farm. A legal battle ensued. Amanda fought her husband's relatives by hiring Xenia attorney Aaron Harlan. The lawsuit lasted nine years. Harlan won the litigation.

In 1842 he built a mansion, modeling it after the White House and naming it Whitehall. Their first child, Louisa, was born there in 1843, followed by her sister Hester in 1845. Two brothers were born, Charles in 1846 and Lewis in 1849. The last child, Frances, b. 1851, died in 1852 at Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Aaron was a member of the House of Representatives in Congress in the winter of 1854 when a historical event took

place in the main room of Whitehall Farm.

Several prominent mid-19th-century politicians and abolitionists conducted a marathon meeting that was to dramatically affect the future of American politics.

Shortly after the meeting the Abolitionist Party changed its name to the Republican Party. The Harlans sold Whitehall Farm ten years later, in 1864, and moved to San Francisco, California, leaving behind the birthplace of the Republican Party. Whitehall is one of Ohio's historic landmarks.

Judge Aaron Harlan died January 8, 1868 and his wife Amanda died the next month on February 15. They are both buried in California.

The farm in 1991 is 35 acres of pasture and towering walnut trees, located on the north edge of Yellow Springs, Ohio, on Route 68.

In the early 1900's a bull named Baptan Pearl was born on the farm. The majority of U.S. shorthorn herd bulls are said to trace their lineage to him.

STAR-GAZER'S STONE

In 1764 the long-standing boundary dispute between Pennsylvania and Maryland was finally resolved. The colonies two proprietary families, the Penns and the Calverts, had agreed to a survey to set the boundary and had hired Englishmen Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon to undertake the work. The Mason-Dixon line has since become much more than the boundary between two English colonies. It has come to mean a dividing line between north and south, and during the Civil War it symbolized a scar running across American politics and the national psyche.

But in 1764 Mason and Dixon were simply concerned with fixing a boundary. Their complex astronomical calculations and surveys were fixed around a stone they placed in a field on a Harlan farm in Newlin Township near Embreeville. Since that time, the Star-Gazer's Stone has stood as a historical monument to this important event in American history.

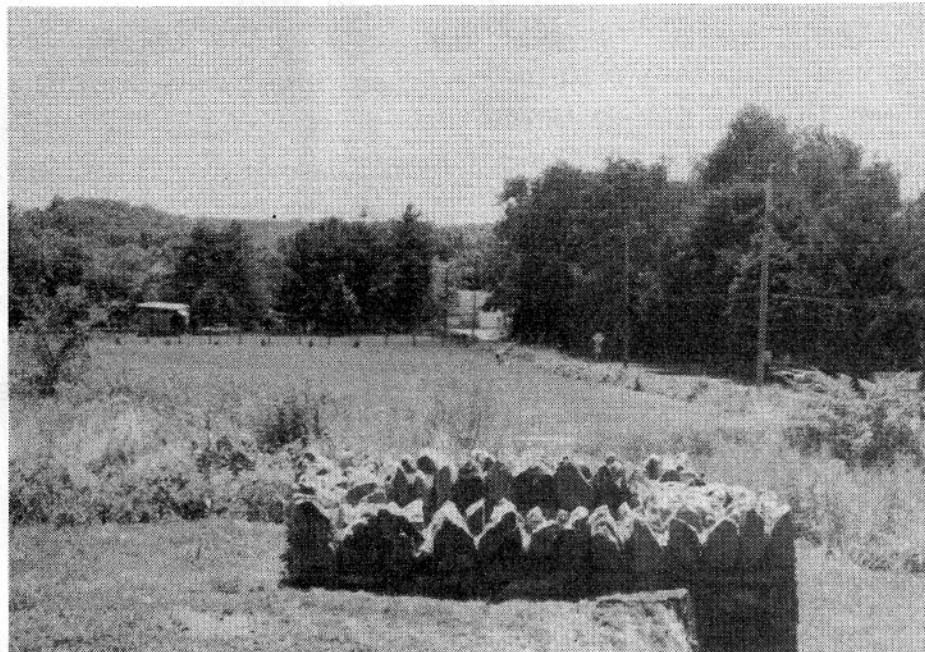
It is interesting that the stone has survived. It was simply a stone in a cornfield. Several generations farmed the land successfully, and it was never knocked down.

The rose and gray rock, slightly more than a foot high, is set in concrete and surrounded now by a low stone wall erected by the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS). Nestled in tall grass and noticed only by the observant passerby, the site has weathered the change of its surroundings from farmland to an upscale residential area. Over the years, access to the stone



Star-Gazer's Stone

has become increasingly difficult. CCHS recently turned over responsibility for long-term care and management of the Stone to the Chester County Parks Department.

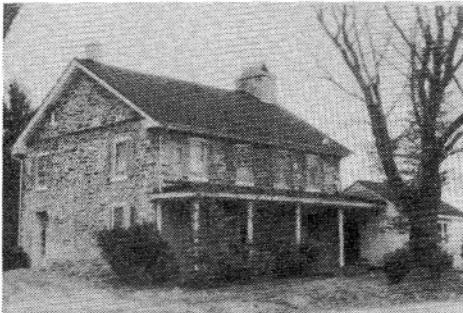


The Star-Gazer's Stone enclosure

The Parks Department has plans to develop a new park in this area and will provide improved access to the Star-Gazer's Stone.

Mason and Dixon began their calculations at an observatory in Philadelphia, reputed to be the first in America used purely for astronomical work. But they moved to Joel Harlan's farm to make their calculations after they found that the point mandated in Baltimore's land grant to be the southern boundary of Pennsylvania (15 miles south of Philadelphia) was on the eastern shore of the Delaware Bay, now New Jersey.

The surveyors travelled 31 miles due west of the city to the farm, where their journal indicates, they returned more than a dozen times during the next 4-1/2 years, staying for several days or months enjoying Harlan hospitality while they worked. The Harlan farm-house where they stayed may have been the first



Harlan House

house built in Newlin Township and it is one of the oldest in Chester County. It was built c. 1724 by #14 George (Michael's son). George's son, #72 Joel was born in the house the same year. Joel owned the farm during the time Mason and Dixon were doing their work. In 1908, Joel's great-grandson Henry and his wife Elizabeth presented the Star-Gazer's Stone and a plot of ground eight feet square to the CCHS. The house and a mile square of land remained in the family until recently. The last Harlan to live in the house was Annie Harlan (See Harlan Record No. 5). The house is now owned by Dr. Kate Roby (see picture above).

According to folklore, the Star-Gazer's Stone was named for the local farmers (probably some Harlan's) who curiously watched as Mason and Dixon looked skyward for some of their calculations. They measured an arc of meridian 15 miles south of the stone to a point of latitude with the Pennsylvania border. The astronomer royal in England later called the degree of latitude computed from this arc a major contribution to the study of the dimensions of the earth. Because of its importance in the subsequent history of the United States, the Mason-Dixon line may well be the most famous border ever established on the basis of surveying methods. The stone, a piece of quartzite, was placed at the spot to ease future measurements.

(Based on articles in the CCHS Newsletter, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and local Harlan knowledge.)

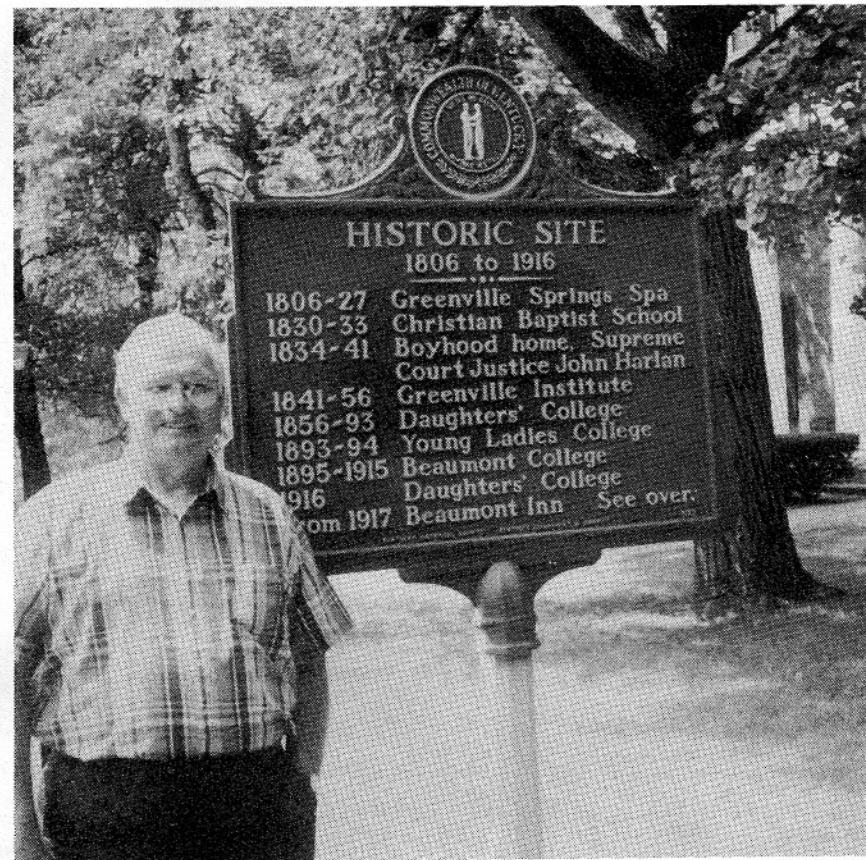
MORE OF SILAS

Tim Suter of Gibbstown, NJ provided the following transcribed letter to shed a little more light on our ancestral cousin, Silas Harlan #215. The copy of the original was secured from the Draper Collection of Manuscripts, in possession of the Historical Society of Wisconsin. The letter was written by James Harlan #845 to Lyman C. Draper, Esq. — It is good to know the name of Silas' horse! — (See page 3 of Harlan Record No. 5 for additional information on Silas.)

Frankfort K.
Feb. 3rd, 1845.

My Dear Sir,

I should have replied long since to your several letters requesting information as to the life and character of my uncle Major Silas Harlan if I had any information worth communicating. My father (James Harlan) was the sole divider of his estate and he died when I was a youth. I have not been enabled to find any papers which shed any light on the subject. All I know of him has been gath-



While researching Silas Harlan (#215) John Harlan, August, GA came across the boyhood home of Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan in Harrodsburg, KY.

ered from conversations with some of the old settlers.

From them I have learnt the following facts: Silas Harlan was born in Berkley County, VA about six miles from the now town of Martinsburgh. He emigrated to Kentucky when quite a young man say 23, 4 or 5 years old, about the year 1774. I am not certain whether he came to Kentucky with Harrod or not. Harrod came up the Kentucky River in canoes in

the spring of 1774 as far as the mouth of Landing Run about 40 miles above this place and 8 or 10 miles from Harrodsburg where they sunk their canoes and made their way to where Harrodsburg now stands. My uncle remained in the county participating in all or nearly all the struggles, skirmishes and battles with the Indians.

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SILAS

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That he was with Clarke in his Illinois expedition I have no doubt, because I have seen Harrods Original Muster Roll in which the name of Silas Harlan appears. That muster roll is in the possession of Major John Fauntleroy (the son-in-law of Harrod) who lives at Weston, Missouri. My uncle remained in the county until the battle of Blue Lick in August 1782 where he was killed. He had been represented to me as a man of fine personal appearance upwards of six foot high, great energy of character and much loved by all who knew him. He was called Major Harlan but who commissioned his as such I never heard. The field officers at the Battle of Blue Lick were Todd, Co. Trigg, Lieut. Col. & Harlan, Major. My uncle became the owner of various valuable tracts of land on one of which I was born and raised. I do not know his age when he was killed but suppose it was about 30 or a little upwards.

You perceive my materials for a Biography are very scanty indeed. I wish it were otherwise. That my uncle was a brave and fearless

man I have never doubted. I have heard my father speak of him since my earliest recollection and the horse he rode to the Battle of Blue Lick. The name of the horse was Dobbin.

*I am very truly yours
James Harlan*

Lyman C. Draper, Esq.

My recollection is that Harrod's Muster Roll showed that my uncle was a Capt. of Spies in Clark's Campaign.

WORD OF THE YEAR:

FILIOPIETISTIC - adj: of or relating to an often excessive veneration of ancestors or tradition. Dave's filiopietistic feelings were not sufficiently great to prevent him from selling the old family homestead to developers. Many Harlan's were accused of filiopietistic behavior at the Celebration 300 reunion.



WELL TRAVELED HARLAN GENEALOGIST

Janice Cierley White reports on her travels in her annual Christmas letter. Of particular interest for Harlan's was her presence at the 43rd Harlan reunion in Marlin, Texas. She reported that Julia Vinson opened the Harlan Pavilion for the Saturday get together of about 100 family members. Joydelle Wolfram showed a video of the slides taken in 1987 at celebration 300. Janice won the prize for traveling the farthest, a compass so she would be able to find her way back. This Harlan

reunion is held the first weekend of October every year.

Janice also reported that the California Harlan-Jackson Reunion celebrated 49 years of family gatherings and were pleased to have Linda Shorb in attendance. Linda lives in Hayden Lake, Idaho, and is a descendent of #5 Ezekial. "John Wayne", according to Janice, is also a descendent of Ezekial's. This reunion is held in Fresno, California on the third Sunday in May.

GENEALOGY PRINTED

Finally, after nearly 3 years at the printers, the book - AN UPDATED GENEALOGY, THE DESCENDENTS OF #194, AARON AND ELIZABETH (STUART) HARLAN was completed last year. Joydelle Wolfram of Marlin, Texas, the compiler, did a wonderful job of arranging about 35 years of genealogical accumulation by the Harlan Association of Texas into a 2 volume set of 2300 pages which lists over 11,600 members of the Harlan family.

Anyone wishing information about the book may obtain it from Joydelle Wolfram, 106A Burnett, Marlin, TX 76661. A few copies may be available from the publisher for \$175. Copies are available in the following libraries: Library of Congress, DAR Library, Washington, D.C., The LDS Library in Salt Lake, Utah, Texas State Library, Austin, Texas, and Fort Worth and Tyler Texas libraries.

QUAKER HUMOR

I heard lately of the death of a prominent Chester County Quaker, a professor at Swathmore College (a Quaker Institution). The Meeting planned a memorial service and invited a non-Quaker associate to speak at the event. When the speaker arrived, he asked when he should speak. He was told: "As thee knows, we speak when the spirit moves us. However, some of us plan to take the 3:57 train."

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Attention Harlan's in the South Central Region including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Any one interested in meeting with others in this region for the purpose of setting up an organization for collecting Harlan family information please contact Marc B. Smith, Jr., P.O. Box 9701, Ft. Worth, TX 76147.



A search of the IGI computer showed a marriage between Elijah Wright and Lucinda Messer in Turkey Creek Twp., Kosciusko, *Indiana* in 1748. Indiana became a territory by its own name in 1800. Alpheus shows this couple (in-laws to No. 208) in *Maryland* in 1752. A letter of the submitter of this record has not brought a response. Can anybody explain this anachronism or supply the correct marriage place of Elijah and Lucinda. Please write to: Judy Reynolds, 7209 57th Ave. #204, Kenosha, WI 53142-3684.

I have information on the descendants of Isaac Davis Harlan #2700, first son of Elijah Caleb Harlan #795 and will share with anyone interested. J.E. (Gene) Wheeler, 5111 Solitude Drive, Rockford, IL 61111.

REWARD OFFERED: I will offer my original History of the Harlan Family as a reward to anyone who can prove the identity of John Chandler who migrated to South Carolina by 1745. For further information contact William H. Chandler, Lt. Col., USAFR, Route 1, Box 189, Hemingway, SC 29554.

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